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industries and enterprise through-
its entire length mean success to
railway there need to be no fear on
part of the public that the Syndi-
will in the future take any course
will be detrimental to their inter-

A LONDON SENSATION.

Mysterious Matrimonial Tragedy.

The Most Remarkable Story on Record.

n inquest was held to-day in the case
he death of Owen Bartlett, a mer-
t of Pimlico, who, it is alleged, was
d by chloroform administered by his
who wished to marry the Rev. Mr.
n, a Wesleyan minister.

A STATEMENT BY MRS. BARTLETT

read by her physician. She was six-
years of age when she was married
Bartlett. They made a compact to
together merely as friends. This
ment was adhered to for six years,
her husband began to encourage her
tion for the Rev. Mr. Dyson. Re-
y Bartlett

N TO MANIFEST RENEWED AFFECTION

is wife, but she feeling it to be her
, appealed to him to desist, as he had
nced her to Mr. Dyson; the appeal
only a temporary effect, so she re-
d to protect herself by waving
roform in front of his face. On the
before his death, as her husband
retiring, she produced a bottle of
roform, which her husband took from
Upon awakening in the night, she
d her husband lying dead by her
The affair has created intense sen-
n, and is regarded as likely to out-
te in one of the most prominent
s celebres in the criminal history of
country.

BANKRUPT INSURANCE CO.

Secretary Cannot Account for $97,000.

N FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—At a meeting
lockholders of the Western fire insur-
company, held on the 12th of January
mmittee was appointed to examine into
affairs of the company. Their investi-
ns thus far, made public to-day, show
Secretary George W. Sessions has
n to a false statement which was filed
the state commissioner of insurance
e 1st inst. This statement showed a
us of over $90,000. The examination
made by the committee, however, has
iced a later statement from the secre-
which shows a deficit of over $97,000.
former statement has been withdrawn
the insurance commissioner by
tary Sessions, and the latter statement
filed for it. Sessions acknowledged
he former statement was wrong, but
ew it was false, but that he made it by
of the directors. What became of the
y is not known. A thorough investi-
n of the books will be made to ascer-
whether it is all chargeable to the bas-
of business.

Palatial Residences.

Montreal correspondent writes:
by are the stately piles of cut grey
in which Messrs. Duncan McIntyre
V. C. Van Horne reside. From this
rn part of beautiful Dorchester
one has a fine view of the long
ade and face of Mount Royal, close
th which, and more than a mile dis-
the massive palace of Sir George
en, Bart., and the tall pinnacles of
noble Queen Anne houses of Mr.
s and J. C. Abbott may be seen.
residences are pointed to with
by admirers of architecture in
real, but none are to be compared
eauty and taste with the new dwell-
Mr. Donald A. Smith.

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carry the largest stock of Blank
s and Stationery in B. C., and hav-
r the last 28 years catered to the re-
ments of the public we feel justified
ring that our business transactions in
st with those more immediately in
eighborhood of Victoria and others
e most distant parts of the province,
roved satisfactory to our customers
a measure profitable to ourselves.
propose to continue our efforts in the
direction during 1886, and hope to
with the same liberal patronage be-
d on us in the past.

T. N. HIBBEN & CO.

Supreme Court.

Lean vs. Onderdonk—This was an
from a judgment of the county
at New Westminster, in which the
liant was held liable for damages,
aintiff's cow having been killed by
. P. R. under the management of
fendant. The judgment of the full
was declared on Wednesday, allow-
e appeal with costs and setting aside
dgment of the county court.

PPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

—Str North Pacific, Pt Townsend
—Str Geo. E Starr, Pt Townsend
Str Princess Louise, New Westminster
Str Amelia, Nanaimo
—Str North Pacific, Pt Townsend
Str G. W. Elder, Pt Townsend
Str Geo. E. Starr, Pt Townsend
Str Amelia, Nanaimo
Str Princess Louise, New Westminster
—Str Geo. E. Starr, Pt Townsend
—Str North Pacific, Pt Townsend
Str Dai-y, Nanaimo
Str Princess Louise, New Westminster
Str Queen of the Pacific, San Francisco

CLEARED.

—Str North Pacific, Pt Townsend
—Str Princess Louise, New Westminster
Str Amelia, Nanaimo
Str Geo. E. Starr, Pt. Townsend
—Str North Pacific, Pt. Townsend
Str G. W. Elder, San Francisco
—Str Geo. E. Starr, Pt Townsend
Str Amelia, Nanaimo
Str Princess Louise, New Westminster
—Str Geo E Starr, Pt Townsend
—Str North Pacific, Pt Townsend
Str Princess Louise, New Westminster
Str Daisy, Nanaimo
Str Queen of the Pacific, Pt Townsend

BIRTHS.

e city, on the 15th inst., the wife of J. Ogden
e, Kamloops, of a son.

MARRIED.

nce Bridge, on the 15th inst., Wm. A. Dash-
ne, express messenger, to Jennie A. Chenes,
y, Ont.

DEATHS.

th Saanich, on the 11th instant, Abraham
ker of Mrs. W. Turgoose, a native of Lin-
, England, aged 81 years.
city, on the 14th inst, Ellen Copeland, a
Virginia, U. S., aged 84 years.
city, on the 17th inst, Mary Nichol, the
child of Robert and Mary Foster, aged 2

17th inst., at Erin Hall, in this city, of peri-
John Chisett Richards, son of Hon. A. R.
, in the 19th year of his age.

Weekly Colonist.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1886.

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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL EDITION FOR SOUTH SAANICH, LAKE, METCHOSIN, SOOKE, COMOX AND OTHER DISTRICTS NOT REACHED BY FRIDAY'S MAIL IS PRINTED EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AND DISPATCHED THROUGH THE POSTOFFICE.

Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, February 14.

THE THROUGH PASSENGER TRAIN AT PORT MOODY.

Heavy Wind and Hail Storm at New Westminster.

(Special to the Colonist.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 13.—The train from Savonas with passengers and up-country mails and express arrived at 12:30 p. m. to day.

A very heavy northwest squall, accompanied by hail and snow passed over town at noon to-day. A number of large trees on the high land above town were blown down. The duration of the squall was fortunately short and no further damage is reported.

Personal.

Messrs. W. and J. K. Waterson, Kalamazoo, Michigan, are at the Occidental.

Lieut. Hutchinson, R. N., arrived down yesterday from several weeks' shooting at Ladner's Landing.

B. W. Patterson and Thomas Harkins came down on the Louise yesterday.

Messrs. J. Leamy, G. A. Keefer, Capt. Tatlow, Major Dupont and R. Nuttall, arrived from Granville by the Louise.

J. Orr, M. P. P., James Cunningham, M. P. P., J. R. Homer, M. P., and W. N. Bole, arrived from New Westminster yesterday.

B. Van Volkenburgh, George Rudge and W. F. Wood, arrived from the mainland yesterday.

Senator Macdonald, Mr. Barnard, M. P., Mrs. Barnard, Mr. Reid, M. P., and Mrs. Reid, and Mrs. A. J. McLellan, of this city, will leave for the east Monday night *via* the Northern Pacific.

Mr. Hickson Young, deputy provincial treasurer, is confined to his home by illness.

Mr. Gordon, M. P., Nanaimo, is in town *en route* to Ottawa.

Segt. Flewin is confined to his house by illness.

George Ridley and wife, Chemainus, arrived down yesterday, and are at the Oriental.

Sir R. Musgrove and son, W. Raybould, M. P. P., T. H. Turner and Capt. Waterbury were passengers by the Amelia yesterday.

Miss Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. Wildemar and Mrs. Furness came down on the Amelia yesterday.

J. C. Henderson, Chillwhack; D. W. McGillivray, New Westminster, and John Boultbee, Granville, are at the Oriental.

P. Swan, St. Louis; George C. Emory, Yale, and C. S. Windsor, New Westminster, are at the Occidental.

John Swea', M. D., Farwell, and D. W. Goldberg, Portland, are at the Driard.

F. W. Foster, of Clinton, will leave tomorrow, over the Northern Pacific, on a business trip to Montreal.

E. Bodwell (with Theo. Davie) returned from Idaho yesterday, where he had gone in connection with the Sproule case.

Robert Irving, agent of the O. R. & N. Co., and wife, returned home yesterday from a five weeks' visit to the eastern states.

Dr. J. B. Mathews is in Monterey, Cal., enjoying the waters for the benefit of his health.

Master Frank Sehl, eldest son of Mr. Frank Sehl, and Master Walter Stewart, eldest son of Mr. John Stewart, will leave by the steamer on Monday, *en route* for Montreal, where they will enter the Montreal Sacred College to study for the priesthood. They will be absent about seven years, and having completed their studies will probably be ordained in this city. Mr. Shakespeare has kindly consented to take charge of the young gentlemen until they reach their destination.

N. Shakespeare, M. P., will leave on the Elder to-morrow *en route* for Ottawa.

St. Valentine's Day.

To-day is the 14th February, and love missives embellished with Cupids, stricken hearts and a variety of sentiment, are carried by the postal system to every quarter of the globe. It is the day of all days when the love sick swain ventures on writing verses, or shy but willin' Barkises send confessions of their admiration to the perhaps as willing objects of their love. The 14th of February is celebrated in honor of St. Valentine, who, according to the legend, suffered martyrdom in the reign of the Emperor Claudius. There is nothing in the life of the saint which would have given rise to the custom of choosing sweethearts (valentines) on that day, and it is believed the practice is one of earlier date, substituted for a pagan observance, by which boys and girls drew each other's names on the 15th of February, a day sacred to *Juno Februata*. The expectancy that must have attended this is to a greater extent experienced now-a-days, and when an anonymous valentine is received there is as much speculation as to its authorship as though it was really a fact that the receiving of the love message decided the recipient's fate. It is also a pretty conceit that the first individual seen on St. Valentine's morn will settle the fate of either party.

Wags and wicious wons also take advantage of the day to vent their wit and wenom.

All Quiet at Seattle.

The papers take care to say that the double murder (elsewhere reported) was from agrarian and not from Chinese causes. The military authorities continue to run in rioters. One of the agitators, who is in pool, has became quite ill from fear. The body of Charles S. Stewart, one of the mobbers shot in Monday's riot, was buried Friday morning at 10:15 from the undertaking establishment of G. C. Shorey & Co. By command of the military government the funeral was strictly private, but four carriages following the hearse to the cemetery.

I. O. G. T.—At the regular meeting of the Navy, (I. O. G. T.), held Tuesday evening last, the following officers were installed by Brother W. H. Wheeler, L. D., assisted by Brother R. T. Clanton, V. D., of the Pacific station: W.C.T.U., Bro. A. S. Booth; P.W.C.T., Bro. F. Player; W.V.T., Sis. L. A. Pierre; W.S., Sis. C. Pierre: W.A.S., Bro. P. Munday; W.F.S., Bro. M. White; W.M., Bro. J. R. Pierre; W.D.M., Bro. J. Bennett; W.C., Bro. S. Bartlett; W.G., Bro. F. Davy; W. Sent., Bro. G. Stone.

A LONDON BRANCH.—To keep pace with the times Messrs. Allsop & Mason have opened an office in connection with their business at 2 Gresham buildings, Guildhall, London, England. Those having business in Europe to transact will do well to communicate with Messrs. A. & M., whose position in this province is well established and unassailable.

ASSASSINATED.

James M. Colman and Wilbur Patten Foully Murdered.

Full Particulars of the Horrible Affair.

(Seattle Chronicle.)

About 11 o'clock this morning Charles A. Anderson and Thomas Wetmore arrived in town and at once sought Sheriff McGraw, to whom they reported that they found a boat between L. P. Smith's and Proctor's places, on Mercer's Island, Lake Washington. The boat, when discovered, was filled with blood and contained an oar, a set of upper false teeth and a coat, in the pockets of which were found letters and papers belonging to James Manning Colman. The other oar was lying along side of the boat.

They said that Mr. Colman and Wilbur Patten had both been missing since Monday morning, and that there was no doubt that both were

ASSASSINATED.

Anderson related that Mr. Colman started at 6:30 on Monday morning, from his home near Benson's Landing on Lake Washington, to come to Seattle to attend court, expecting to reach here at 10 o'clock the same morning. Wilbur Patten, who had been visiting at Colman's accompanied him on that fatal trip. They left the landing in a row boat for the foot of Jackson street, Mrs. Colman watched the boat and its two occupants until it disappeared around the point of Mercer's island. She saw nothing more of them after that time. Mr Colman expected to return home, when he left, by Tuesday.

The reception of the intelligence of this fearful affair in this city served to completely shock the community, plunged as it is already into enough trouble. As Mr. Colman was

FOREMAN OF THE LAST GRAND JURY,

which indicted men who are the cause of our present disturbed condition, naturally the first suspicion was that he was assassinated for his courage and the faithful discharge of his duty as such officer

SHERIFF M'GRAW

at once proceeded to the place where the boat was found. He returned about 2:30 o'clock, after a hasty examination of the circumstances in connection with the double tragedy. He says there is no doubt of the murder. The bloody relics only too surely indicate that the two men were shot in cold blood as they sat in the boat. From a hasty examination of witnesses at the scene of the crime, Sheriff McGraw is convinced that the double murder was committed by a family and their adherents with whom Colman had had some difficulty over a land claim.

THE PURSUIT.

The sheriff again started for the lake at 3 p.m. on horseback. He has a steamer waiting at the landing and will cross the lake to the scene of the murder and there head a posse, now in readiness, and proceed to arrest the probable authors of this horrible deed. A reporter talked this afternoon with Captain D. C. Kennon, at whose house young Patten has been stopping, in this city.

WILBUR PATTEN

is 18 years of age and has been attending the Central school here. He has been living with his sister, Miss Laura Patten, at Captain Kenyon's, on Ninth street. He is a son of Mr. B. P. Patten, living near Slaughter, on Green river. Young Patten left Seattle on Friday evening with young Mattison to visit Mr. Wilson, near Graham's place, on the lake. On Sunday morning Patten and a son of Mr. Wilson crossed to Colman's place and expected to return that night. Mr. Colman, however, asked Patten to stay over night and accompany him in the morning to Seattle. Patten consented and young Wilson returned home alone. The next morning Mr. Colman and young Patten started on their last boat ride.

JAMES MANNING COLMAN

was born in Kansas in 1831, and was consequently 55 years old at the time of his death. He removed to this side about eight years ago. He lived prior to that in Georgia and Virginia where he was connected with the customs service. On his arrival he settled on 160 acres at Benson's landing on Lake Washington. He has served as county commissioner two terms, being elected first in 1882, and being rechosen as his own successor two years later. He was foreman of the last grand jury, which was the most important ever impanelled. That jury did its duty and left to the people to do theirs. Mr. Coleman was an honest and fearless man. He was a splendid citizen and by his assassination we sustain an irreparable loss. The death of a good citizen is always deplorable, but the death of a good citizen who does a great duty in the face of danger is immeasurably deplorable. It was thought that he had not a single enemy. He leaves a wife and four children.

THE BODIES

of the victims of the horrible crime have not yet been found. A late report says that the boat in which the men were assassinated has been brought to the foot of Jackson street. Both men were evidently shot down while rowing, as almost an equal amount of blood was found on each of the rowing seats. There was also blood on the oars and oar-locks. Sheriff McGraw has secured Colman's pocket-book, coat, teeth and papers contained in his pocket-book.

The boat was found by Anderson on the beach, on the west side of Mercer Island, between the places of L. P. Smith and Proctor.

Sheriff McGraw has started for Meydenbaur's bay to arrest

THE MILLER FAMILY

who are strongly suspected of being the perpetrators of the affair. Miller is the man with whom Colman had land troubles.

Railroad Notes.

The storm of Wednesday night strewed the track from Oyster Bay as far as the cutting, two miles from Chemainus, with timber which broke from the fencing and laid the telegraph wire low in many places.

There is but one more small trestle near Mr. Meakin's residence to be put up, (the work of a few hours) when the rails will be laid to the depot.

At the other end the rails are now laid as far as Halls swamp, a mile and a half beyond Chemainus river.

A great deal of ballasting has to be done yet, but work is very slow on account of the unavoidable condition of the weather.

Mr. Bell, of Bell, Larkin & Patterson, will shortly remove to Cobble Hill, Shawnigan district, to superintend the construction of the bridges on the middle section.

Henceforth Mr. Leayeraft will live in Cowichan, to look after part of that work, and Mr. Gray will remain on the Nanaimo-Chemainus section, with headquarters here or near Chemainus.

The steamship Wellington, supposed to have left San Francisco yesterday has on board a locomotive and several cars for the Island railway. They will be landed at Oyster harbor and used on this end of the line.—*Free Press.*

Marine.

Sixty vessels sailed from Puget Sound for foreign and coastwise ports with wheat, lumber, coal and general cargoes during the month of January. One of these was the British bark Artisan, carrying 1734 tons of wheat in 29,349 bags, valued at $36,000. The tonnage of this fleet amounted to 58,749. Thirty-six were sail vessels carrying lumber.

The American ship Glory of the Seas, Captain Freeman, seventeen days from San Pedro, arrived at Esquimalt yesterday in ballast, seeking.

The ship Dundonald, Capt. Puxley, 129 days from London, consigned to Robert Ward & Co., arrived in Esquimalt yesterday with naval stores and a general cargo.

The bark Nanaimo moved to Welch, Rithet & Co.'s inner wharf yesterday morning, and is discharging cargo.

FOUNDERING OF A SCHOONER OFF CAPE FLATTERY.

All Hands Saved.

Capt. Freeman, of the Glory of the Seas, which arrived in port from San Pedro on Friday night, reports that on Thursday morning last when bearing southwest by south, with Cape Flattery about sixty-five miles northeast by north, a schooner was sighted flying the American flag with the burgee downward (signal of distress). A strong wind was blowing, with a heavy sea running at the time, and as the vessel neared the schooner it was seen that her hands were at the pumps and were also jettisoning her deck-load of lumber. A boat was lowered from the ship and almost simultaneously the crew of the schooner left their crazy craft in their own boat and made for the ship, where they were taken on board. The schooner proved to be the Aurora of San Francisco, 183 tons, Christiansen, master, which had left Seattle on Thursday, 4th inst., for Guaymas, Mexico, with a cargo of coals and deck-load of lumber. The master reports having first found the vessel to be leaking on the night of the day before he abandoned her. The pumps became choked, and finding the vessel to be sinking, he, with his wife and crew of six, left her as related. The only article saved was the schooner's chronometer, all the personal effects of the master and crew being left behind. The shipwrecked people are in the care of Col. Stevens, U. S. consul, by whom they will probably be sent to San Francisco.

The Alice Harrison Company —Another "Paintin' 'er Red" Crowd.

The public will not soon forget the sensation of disgust that came over them when "Paintin' 'er Red" was produced here. The New Northwest, a Portland paper, says that "Hot Water," which Alice Harrison and her company are billed at The Victoria in this city, "is a decidedly vulgar entertainment—not vulgar in an indecent sense, but vulgar in that it is the embodiment of ill-bred actions, with all the attributes of suggestive, coarse and noisy dialogue to "garnish forth the feast" of pointless wit which is served for the benefit of the gallery—and such a gallery, fortunately, as only the large cities can produce. "Hot Water" has not an intelligible plot—unless one can designate as such the complications arising from the flirtations of two elderly married men with a youthful variety actress of the French school who is in love with the son of one of them. Nothing quite so inane as this "musical comedy has been seen here, if we except the short-lived "Paintin' 'er Red" farce; and only those who saw that alleged entertainment can appreciate the full force of this comparison." The Northwest continues; "Time was when Alice Harrison was young, lively and pretty, with an inexhaustible fund of humor and a spontaneous flow of animal spirits. She could also sing—a little. But that day is passed. She is still lively—that is all. Her singing, and also that of the entire troupe, is of the quality which has not been inaptly likened to a disturbance of the peace; and her voice, in dialogue, has an inexpressibly coarse and disagreeable twang which cannot be described. Alice Harrison of ten years ago was one of our youthful theatrical idols. But, alas! what changes time has wrought! Her burlesque of Yum-Yum is the only neat bit of work she does in "Hot Water"—the only faint glimmer of her former self. And her company seems to be burdened with even a less degree of ability than is usual in such light organizations. The attendance has been deservedly light since the opening night.

Legislative Valentines.

As if to prove that the popular observance of St. Valentine's day was not dying out, every member of the local house received a memento yesterday.

Hon. W. Smithe got a man in a barber's shop, saying "cut it short."

Hon. John Robson: An offer of an English bay horse at an "upset" price of $200,000, and the screaming farce, "There's Millions in It!"

Hon. Mr. Davie: A work entitled, "The Considerably Revised Statutes of British Columbia."

Hon. Mr. Duck: A *surplice.*

Mr. Cunningham: A supplementary allowance to compensate him for loss of time.

Mr. Grant: A divided skirt in two parts.

Mr. McLeese: A set of comical "figgers."

Mr. Helgesen: A halibut bank and all the Chinese returns of the province.

Mr. Orr got a quartz mill and an honorary membership of the "Brick Lane branch of the United Grand Junction of the Temperance Ebenezer Association."

Mr. Dunsmuir got a new constituency, and a rise in the coal market.

Mr. Wilson received a novel entitled "Love and Law." It was sent by a bold, bad man.

Mr. Drake: A song entitled "Farewell."

Mr. Cowan: A speech.

Mr. Joshi: A de-fence-ive attitude.

Mr. McTavish: A century plant.

Mr. Pooley: A *walk* over when he *runs* again.

Mr. Galbraith: An additional constituent, and some "Balm of Gilead."

Mr. T. Davie: The endorsement of his electors; and new law courts.

Mr. Raybould: An injunction to restrain the Island railway from being run through his store.

Mr. Mara got an order to keep order.

Mr. Beaven: A round robin from his "picks party" stating that although they were of no good at speech-making or "figgers," they would always say "hear, hear!" if he would cough to let them know the right time to do so.

Mr. Dingwall: A little man with a piece of shortbread and the words "Look out," in his mouth.

Mr. Martin got a swallow.

Mr. Semlin: A seat in the cabinet—depicted in a *mirage.*

Mr. Allen got a school teacher's certificate and several fresh petitions.

Comox Petroleum.

A letter from Mr. George M. Dawson, geological surveyor, to Mr. W. F. McDonald of this city, states that the sample of petroleum forwarded for chemical analysis is too small in quantity for that object. All that could be certainly said of it was that it is petroleum of good quality, probably rich in heavy oils. This, Mr. Dawson thought, was all that was necessary to know at the present stage. The question now to be settled is, whether it is in quantity; if so, there is no doubt that it will be a saleable product.

It would seem from this statement of Mr. Dawson, that it is now incumbent on the localities of the various coal oil lands to combine and settle finally the worth of their claims by boring for oil. This would cost considerable money, but it is the only way in which the property can be placed before capitalists for investment. There is no doubt that the oil is there, and it is hoped that the owners will at once make sure that their property is worth the value they place upon it. Once this is accomplished it will be an easy matter to secure capital to produce the oil in a refined state.

OLLA PODRIDA.—The entertainment to be given in Philharmonic hall on the 4th and 5th proximo promises to be unusually interesting. The ladies who are conducting this affair telegraphed to Mr. Yardley of London, England, for permission to produce his extravaganza, "The Knave of Hearts." Mr. Yardley generously gave his consent, and this play of decided merit will therefore be witnessed for the first time in Victoria at this entertainment. Tableaux and songs in character will also be given.

THE TELEGRAPH.—The high wind has completely demoralized the telegraph service, and there has been no communication with American territory since Wednesday last. The wires on the island have also been rather erratic in their services. One hundred and twelve fallen trees were taken off the line between Cowichan and Nanaimo on Friday and there was a suspension of work yesterday. In the evening the line was working to New Westminster, but is still down south of the border.

SPIRITUAL services will be conducted this evening at 7:30 p.m., by Geo. P. Colby, at Harmony Hall, View street.

What Some People Say.

That Mr. Walter Shanly has expressed the opinion that a subaqueous railway to connect Prince Edward Island with the mainland is perfectly feasible.

That Sir Charles Henry Mills, of the banking firm of Glyn, Mills & Currie, and Mr. Samuel Allsopp, of the firm of Samuel Allsopp & Sons, brewers, have been elevated to the peerage.

That a philanthropist asked the daughter of a rich manufacturer, who employs hundreds of men, if she ever did anything for her father's hands? "No," was the reply, "but I rub mine with glycerine and oatmeal every night."

That Editor Morgan, of the Chase County (Kan.) Leader, having received a note from an irate subscriber saying, "Stop your paper and send a reasonable bill, and I will pay it," sent a bill for $5,000, saying he could not afford to suspend publication for less.

That Mr. James French has received a letter from a son of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, telling him that the barrel of apples sent in November has arrived, thanking him, and intimating that the liberal leader is waiting with pleasing anxiety for the turkeys which were sent some weeks later.

That said Boggs (at the boarding-house table), "Another cup of tea, if you please, Mrs. Fangus." Mrs. F. (severely)—"Mr. Boggs, the tea is exhausted." Boggs—"I should think it would be. It has been growing gradually weaker ever since I made its acquaintance."

That on the door plate of a Brooklyn residence may be read: "Mrs. Gibbs, elocutionist, poetess, washer and ironer." The washer and ironer probably support the elocutionist and poetess.

That said a student—"I have been thinking upon the subject of the alarming prevalence of divorces, and I almost believe I have discovered the cause." Professor (delighted)—"Yes, yes; what is it?" Student—"Marriage."

Nanaimo Notes.

(Free Press.)

The opium cases will be resumed on Monday. Mr. Vrooman, the Chinese interpreter, will arrive on Monday's steamer to interpret the evidence and explain the books.

Next week the mail steamer Amelia will be taken from the East Coast route for several days, to undergo the regular official inspection and effect some repairs. The Daisy will take her place.

The steamer Tacoma, Capt. Cameron, arrived from Tongas on Wednesday morning. Capt. George piloted her up and down, and is now in this city awaiting the arrival of the steamship Idaho on her regular trip to Alaska.

Mr. D. Jordan, of San Francisco, who recently purchased the tract of coal lands contiguous to the Wellington mines, has been in this city for several weeks. He is engaged in superintending the sinking of prospecting bores and the extension of the slope. He appears to be well pleased with his investment, and is now perfecting arrangements to supply local consumers with his coal.

It has been rumored at this office states that Messrs. J. W. Brunton and James Wilcox, of this city, who have been spending several months at the El Pasco del Robles spring, are very much improved in health. They will return home by the Queen of the Pacific, leaving on March 2d. Their many friends here will be glad to grasp their hands and wish them continued good health.

Fatal Accident at Comox.

Again we are called upon to chronicle a fatal accident at Comox. On Saturday last Mr. Lorenzo Grant, a highly esteemed settler of that district, while driving past the H. B. Co.'s old warehouse, the horse kicked and overturned the cart. In the fall to the ground the deceased must have broken his neck, for he was found within a couple of feet of the wagon. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his loss. The deceased has resided in Comox for about eight years, having removed there from New Brunswick. The funeral took place on Sunday and was numerously attended, the Rev. Mr. Christie reading the burial service of the Presbyterian church.—*Free Press.*

NAVAL.—Admiral Seymour visited this part of the Province in the beginning of the week. Shortly after noon on Monday the gunboat Pelican anchored in English Bay having the Admiral on board. Mr. Turner, of Woods, Turner & Gamble, was requested to meet him and locate the 155 acres which is to be used for military purposes. The Pelican lay out in the bay all Monday night and steamed up the Inlet on Tuesday forenoon. We believe the object was to locate some other reserves to be used for naval purposes. The gunboat remained in the Inlet all Tuesday night and went out on Wednesday forenoon, returning to Victoria. We believe Mr. Turner has been charged with making the surveys of the naval reserves.—*Vancouver Herald.*

SAANICH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—This society again met on the evening of Thursday last, when the election of officers for the ensuing term took place. The result was as follows: President, C. Alexander; Vice-presidents, G. R. T. Baker and J. Sluggett; Treasurer, M. O. Dean; Secretaries, Geo. Mitchell and G. H. Sluggett; Ushers, Ed. Henderson and F. Hentrickson. After the newly elected president had made a few pointed remarks business was proceeded with. The advisability of holding a social to supply the treasury with funds was favorably considered, and was appointed to take place on the 19th inst. The desire of the W. C. T. U. of Victoria to organize a branch of that society in this district was brought before the meeting; but the opinion prevailed that the work undertaken by this society was all that could be attended to efficiently. Before adjournment nine more names were enrolled in the pledge book.

A FINE PIECE OF WORKMANSHIP.—At the showrooms of Mr. Jacob Sehl may be seen a sideboard rich in design and construction. It is comprised entirely of Island maple and yellow cedar, exquisitely carved and ornamented. The maple and cedar have the appearance of satin wood. The panels bear representations of Indian canoes, paddles and huts. An exquisitely painted picture of The Gorge crowns the whole work. The sideboard is the handsomest piece of furniture in the province and will be sent to the exhibition in London as a specimen of what may be done with Island woods in the hands of skilled workmen at Sehl's factory.

INCORRECT.—"The Times under yesterday's date says "Captain Christiansen, of the Aurora, foundered off Cape Flattery yesterday morning." This must be a mistake because we saw the captain in town only yesterday afternoon.

THE directors of the B. C. agricultural society met yesterday afternoon and passed the prize list which will be extensive and will comprise many articles not before entered for premium.

TENDERS.—Tenders will be received by the city clerk until Wednesday next the 17th inst., at 4 p. m., for blasting rock corner Pioneer and Blanchard streets; and also on Johnson street.

SKATING RINK.—J. Westlake, who went up to the Royal city to contest the roller skating championship of that place, won easily. The race was for $25 a side.

PURCHASE OF THE BOSCOWITZ.—Turner, Beeton & Co. purchased the steamer Boscowitz at the sale yesterday for $10,000. Her original cost was $40,000.

(*From the Daily Colonist, Feb. 16.*)

FLEEING FROM THE AGITATION.—About 200 Seattle Chinese went out on the Geo. W. Elder yesterday. They reported that about 100 more remain at Seattle and will go away on the next ocean steamer. All the Chinese merchants remain behind; but as their customers have all gone or are going they will follow as soon as they can dispose of their stocks.

FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Feb. 15, 1886.

Speaker took the chair at 2 p. m.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. Fraser.

Hon. Mr. Robson presented papers relating to Dominion immigration buildings, papers relating to the lengthening of the dry dock, the Fraser river buoys, the question of the ownership of precious metals within the railway belt; field work in Cariboo district, gold discovery in the Semilkameen district, Dominion lands of the province.

Mr. Orr presented a petition from inhabitants of Langley with regard to the practice of dentistry.

Mr. Beaven presented a petition relative to persons practicing dentistry be required to pass examination.

Similar petitions were presented by Hon. Mr. Smithe, Mr. Dunsmuir, Mr. Drake, Mr. Cunningham, Hon. J. Robson, Hon. Mr. Duck and Mr. Orr.

Mr. Cunningham presented a petition from his constituents for the incorporation of the town of Vancouver.

Mr. Drake presented a petition for charter for a street railway in the town of Vancouver.

Messrs. Dunsmuir and Martin also presented petitions for bill to incorporate water works companies at Vancouver.

Mr. McTavish presented petition for incorporation of Saanich railway.

Mr. Galbraith presented a petition from several persons asking for a grant of land on Thibert creek for mining purposes.

PRIVATE BILLS.

A bill to incorporate the B. C. Fire Insurance Co., introduced by Mr. Martin, was read a first time and referred to private bills committee.

LEGAL PROFESSION.

A bill entitled "An Act to amend the Legal Professions' Act, 1884," introduced by Mr. Semlin, was read a first time. Second reading, Wednesday next.

DENTISTRY.

A bill intituled "An Act to regulate the practice of Dentistry in the Province of British Columbia," introduced by Mr. Grant, read a first time. Second reading, Wednesday next.

Mr. Raybould moved that a respectful address be presented to his honor the lieutenant-governor, praying that a polling place may be established at a convenient point in the district of Alberni, and that the said district be included in the electoral district of Nanaimo. Seconded by Mr. Dunsmuir and carried.

Hon. Mr. Smithe presented two petitions, one from medical practitioners of Victoria, the other from those of the province generally.

NAVAL RESERVE.

Mr. Orr moved that an humble address be presented to his honor the lieutenant-governor, requesting him to send down to this house, in printed form, copies of all correspondence, orders in council, maps and papers, between the crown colony government, or the provincial government and the admiralty, the Dominion government, or any person in their behalf, in respect to the government or naval reserve at English Bay, together with a copy of the lease or license granted to Jeremiah Rogers for the purpose of cutting timber on said reserve. Carried.

Mr. Galbraith moved that a select committee be appointed to enquire into the binding of the journals, sessional papers and statutes for 1885; said committee to be composed of Messrs. Martin, Raybould, Cunningham, Semlin and the mover.

The mover understood that the person who had been in the habit of getting this work had been denied it last year, and the work had been executed outside of the province. Seconded by Mr. Semlin.

Hon. Mr. Duck said it appeared to him the resolution did not go far enough. He supposed the intention was to compare the cost with that of previous years. The last speaker was mistaken when he said the person in the habit of doing the work had not been allowed to tender. The individual had deliberately refused to do the work, and it was not likely the government were going to beg him to accept it. He moved in amendment that the resolution call for all papers on the subject between 1880 and 1885, inclusive, and the words "with power to call for persons and papers" be added.

The amendment was carried.

KOOTENAY RECLAMATION.

Mr. Galbraith moved that an order of the house be granted for a copy of the final agreement entered into by the government with William Baillie-Grohman, in connection with the Kootenay colonization and reclamation scheme.

The mover said there was a general feeling of uneasiness in the district with regard to this scheme and the people thought that Mr. Grohman had kept the land locked up long enough. The government should take some steps to point out what land the grant covered so that settlers could act intelligently in the location of their pre emptions.

Hon. Mr. Smithe said the cause of the present delay was on the part of the Dominion government. It was known that the scheme embodied the draining of a large body of water which might have an appreciable effect upon the physical characteristics of the country, and in view of this the assent of the Dominion government was imperative.

Mr. Galbraith thought the whole scheme should be very carefully considered before the agreement was finally closed. The turning of the Kootenay river into the Columbia lakes might have the effect of impeding the navigation of the Columbia river. It was a question as to whether the river navigation should be retained and the lands remain the property of the people, or whether the submerged lands should be deeded away and the navigation of the river possibly imperilled.

Hon. Mr. Smithe said he did not think the turning of the water as proposed would have the effect the last speaker seemed to fear. On the contrary it would certainly facilitate steamboat traffic from the additional quantity of water that will be turned into the upper Columbia, and its detrimental effect so far as related to any navigation of the Kootenay river, would be none. With regard to intending settlers not knowing what land came under the grant, he might say that any land benefitted by draining would belong to Grohman. All land above high water mark between the foothills was open to pre-emption as government land. He handed in a copy of the agreement made with the company.

Mr. Beaven moved That this house is of opinion that a detailed statement of expenditure from 1st of July to 31st December, 1885, as far as brought to account at the treasury department, under the heads of account—

VII. Administration of justice;

IX. Transport;

XII. Public works, with names of employés on pay lists, rate per diem, number of days employed, amount paid to each person;

XIII. Miscellaneous;

should be printed and placed before members before the estimates 1886-1887 are considered.

The mover thought the above details should be submitted to the house before the estimates for 1886-87 were brought down. The province was in a difficult position financially [Cries of Oh, oh]—a great overdraft existed at the bank which it was evident could not be paid out of the revenue. The estimated revenue for the year ending June 1886 was $639,000; the amount voted for expenditure $715,000, which it was estimated would leave the province a surplus of $70,000. It was for the house to find out before it voted any further estimates the exact methods by which the government had expended all this public money.

Hon. Mr. Duck said the time had not yet arrived so far as he was concerned to enter into a financial discussion, but it seemed to him the honorable mover had not given sufficiently good reasons for bringing down such a voluminous statement. The motive, he felt sure, was to harass the government; and he might say that the detailed account of receipts and expenditures up to 31st December, 1885, was in course of preparation and would be submitted as soon as possible.

Mr. Orr said there was a general feeling in his district that a statement of expenditure of the large sum on account of drydock refund should be made. A large portion of this it had been promised should be expended in his district. He should vote for the resolution.

Mr. T. Davie was in favor of a detailed list of provincial expenditure and receipts even up to the present date being brought down, but the minute details; such as the names of laborers employed were matters of too small moment to be dealt with unless there was an urgent reason